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**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** June 23, 2005

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 5:35 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

ATTENDING MEMBERS

Lonnell Conley, Chairman  
Patrice Abdullah  
Mary Moriarty Adams  
Jim Bradford  
Scott Keller  
Dane Mahern  
Mike Speedy

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ginny Cain  
Angela Mansfield

**AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 253, 2005 - increases the stormwater user fee

“Tabled”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 295, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for Brookside Avenue and Steele Street (District 16)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 296, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on Pennsylvania Street near 24th Street (Districts 15 and 9)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 297, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on State Avenue from Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive to Washington Street (Districts 16 and 20)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 298, 2005 - authorizes the removal of parking restrictions and meters on Missouri Street between Maryland Street and Washington Street (District 19)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 299, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on Meridian Street near Bluff Avenue (District 19)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

2005 Knozone Campaign Overview Presentations- by Angie Nussmeyer  
Felicia Robinson

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, June 23, 2005. Chair Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Patrice Abdullah, Mary Moriarty Adams, Jim Bradford, Dane Mahern, Scott Keller, and Mike Speedy. Absent were Ginny Cain and Angela Mansfield.

PROPOSAL NO. 253, 2005 - increases the storm water user fee

Chairman Conley stated that he received a call from the sponser that this proposal should be tabled.

Councillor Abdullah moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to “Table” Proposal No. 253, 2005. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

{Clerks Note: Councillor Speedy arrived at 5:13 p.m.}

Chairman Conley asked for Proposal Nos. 296-299, 2005 to be heard together with the consent of the Committee. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 296, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on Pennsylvania Street near 24th Street (Districts 15 and 9)

PROPOSAL NO. 297, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on State Avenue from Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive to Washington Street (Districts 16 and 20)

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PROPOSAL NO. 299, 2005 - authorizes parking restrictions on Meridian Street near Bluff Avenue (District 19)

Nathan Sheets, project manager for the Department of Public Works (DPW) read the digests of the proposals and stated that all four have been reviewed and approved by staff.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal Nos. 296-299, 2005 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 295, 2005 - authorizes intersection controls for Brookside Avenue and Steele Street (District 16)

Councillor Keller stated that this intersection is near a bridge over Pogue’s Run on a direct walking route up to the library. The cars that are going east to west travel extremely fast through

this intersection. He said that there have been no accidents yet, but there is concern that there will be if nothing is done regarding this intersection. Councillor Keller said that there have been several Councillors that have come out to view this area and see that there is a problem. He added that they residents of this community have signed a petition to get an intersection control for this area. Councillor Keller stated that he would urge all the Councillors to support this ordinance.

Councillor Mahern stated that DPW works very hard on looking at the criteria for putting up intersection controls; however, this particular circumstance just comes down to what the neighborhood wants for this intersection what has a very unique setup on the way the streets come together. He said that he would support this proposal.

Chair Conley stated that this intersection needs this intersection control, and he received the signatures from the citizens and added that he supports this ordinance.

Councillor Abdullah moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 295, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Angie Nussmeyer, Program Manager of Knozone, stated that Knozone is the Voluntary Air Pollution Reduction Program for Central Indiana. This program is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year and this program's outreach efforts have focused on educating the public on how they can positively impact the air that everyone breathes. High levels of smog could be a health hazard, especially to those with respiratory illnesses. She said that the air quality in Central Indiana is generally good, but when ground level ozone is predicted to be high, the City will call a Knozone action day. On these days people are asked to make small changes in their day to day behavior to help make a visible difference in the air quality by taking the following steps:

- Carpool with friends or ride the city buses.
- Walk or ride a bike instead of driving.
- Get gas and mow the yard after 6 p.m.
- Avoid drive-thrus at restaurants and banks; park and go inside instead.
- Play outside in the evening or in the morning when the ozone levels are lower.
- Keep vehicles tuned up and tires properly inflated.
- See a doctor if you or anyone you know has trouble breathing on a Knozone Action Day.
- Avoid burning yard debris.

Central Indiana is now in violation of federal air quality standards. Indianapolis and Marion County have been designated as non-attainment by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for smog and fine particles or soot.

Knozone targets adults, 18-54, in Central Indiana year-round, but with heavy emphasis on the months of May through September, when the weather conditions are most likely to lead to smog

formation. In addition, Knozone has specific programs targeted at smaller populations, including a partnership with Inquisitive Kids, reaching 44,000 third, fourth, and fifth graders in more than 1,500 Central Indiana elementary school classrooms every month. Ms. Nussmeyer said that the campaign is influencing people to change their behavior. Those people who have seen or heard about the Knozone program during the past 10 years were more likely to do something to help reduce smog formation. The simplest and most common steps people are taking include mowing and filling gas tanks up after 6 p.m.

Chairman Conley asked how the Knozone Campaign is currently advertised. Ms. Nussmeyer said that it is promoted by word of mouth, and Knozone has partnerships with IndyGo, Central Indiana Commuter Services, and a lot of other agencies including working with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to create a patch for the scouts.

Councillor Mahern asked if the Department of Public Works is aware of the Knozone Campaign and if they support it. Ms. Nussmeyer answered in the affirmative and added that an informal Knozone policy was put together and distributed to all the agency and department heads internally. She said the City has done its share with trying to help with air pollution by making all the fleet vehicles use E85 fuel, which is an 85% ethanol and 15% petroleum fuel. This fuel burns a lot cleaner and does not have as many emissions into the air. She said that a grant was provided to retrofit 53 of the solid waste vehicles with diesel oxidation catalysts, which also helps reduce emissions that are admitted into the air.

Councillor Bradford asked if the diesel oxidation catalysts would help with the EPA rating for the city. Ms. Nussmeyer answered in the affirmative. Councillor Bradford asked if there are any programs dealing with the fast food restaurants and the drive-ups. She said that this program encourages people not to idle but to park and go inside instead. She added that the city is currently working with the different restaurant chains to provide an incentive for people that park and go inside.

Councillor Keller stated that he was on the highest point in Marion County and he noticed that there was a slight brown haze that covered the city.

Councillor Abdullah asked if there was any advertising going out to any of the departments with emergency vehicles. Ms. Nussmeyer said that DPW has had discussions with different departments with emergency vehicles regarding the anti-idling as part of the Knozone policy. She stated that it is a touchy situation when there is talk about the police and fire vehicles idling, but they are encouraged not to idle when it is not necessary.

Ms. Nussmeyer said the program's theme "Clean air is in" along with its taglines, helps reinforce the message that everybody from individuals to business and the industry plays an important role in improving air quality and enjoys the benefits. The campaign uses paid advertising, media relations, community relations and other grassroots efforts to reach everybody in Central Indiana.

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likely to do something to help reduce smog formation. The simplest and most common steps people are taking include mowing and fueling the gas tanks after 6 p.m.

Chairman Conley stated that the patch with the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts is a very good idea.

Councillor Keller thanked the Public Works Committee on behalf of the Brookside community for passing their proposal.

There being no further business, and upon motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lonnell Conley, Chairman

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